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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7543**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1209

**NOTE PREPARED:** Feb 18, 2003

**BILL AMENDED:** Feb 17, 2003

**SUBJECT:** State educational institution credit agreements.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Herrell

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** CR Adopted - 1<sup>st</sup> House

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**     **GENERAL**  
                              **DEDICATED**  
                              **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** (Amended) This bill provides that: (1) an articulation agreement entered into by a regional campus of a state educational institution must be honored by the main campus and other regional campuses of the same state educational institution; and (2) a student may not be denied credits granted by a regional campus of a state educational institution under an articulation agreement if the student transfers to the main campus or another regional campus of the same state educational institution. It requires the Commission for Higher Education to (1) develop and maintain a computerized data base of courses that are transferred between educational institutions and submit a report to the Legislative Council annually; (2) develop statewide transfer of credit agreements for courses that are most frequently taken by undergraduates; (3) develop statewide agreements under which Associates of Arts and Associate of Science programs articulate fully with related baccalaureate degree programs; and (4) publicize a master list of course transfer of credit and program articulation agreements.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2003.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** (Revised) The Higher Education Commission would incur some additional expenses in developing and maintaining computerized data base of courses that are transferred between educational institutions and submitting a report to the Legislative Council annually. The additional costs would be paid from the Commission's budget and resources.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

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**State Agencies Affected:** State Universities; Higher Education Commission.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:** Kent Weldon, Higher Education Commission 232-4400.

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